

### III. REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 6-11, 13-15 and 18 are pending in the application. By this amendment, claims 16 and 17 have been cancelled. These cancellations are being made to facilitate early allowance of the presently claimed subject matter. Applicant does not acquiesce in the correctness of the rejections and reserves the right to present specific arguments regarding any rejected claims not specifically addressed. Further, Applicant reserves the right to pursue the full scope of the subject matter of the claims in a subsequent patent application that claims priority to the instant application. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Office indicated that claims 1, 2, 6-11, 13-15, and 18 are allowable. The Office failed to indicate that pending claim 3 is allowable; however, since claim 3 is dependent upon allowable claim 1, Applicant interprets this to be typographical error. Applicant appreciates the Office's indication of allowable subject matter.

In the Office Action, claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Singer (US Patent No. 1,486,695) in view of Leigh (US Patent No. 3,766,675). Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Singer in view of Evans (US Patent 6,692,092). Applicant has canceled claims 16 and 17.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that anything further is necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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